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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADE MARKS OFFICE

Applicant : Nicholas W. DAWES
Serial No : 09/014,687
Filed : 28 January 1998
Title : METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE DROP RATE,
THE TRANSIT DELAY, AND THE BREAK STATE
OF COMMUNICATIONS OBJECTS
Art Unit : 2735
Examiner : P. Jones
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The Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C., 20231
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Dear Sir:

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In reply to the office action dated 28 December 1999 please cancel claims 4,5,6,7, and 8 without prejudice. Applicant takes note of paragraphs 1-4 and 6-8 of the above office action. It should be noted that the applicant intends to file a continuation application based on the rejected claims 4-8 in combination with the allowed claims 1-3.

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